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Dear Sirs,

In February 2001, I was informed by letter that **Congressman Martin Meehan** was to sponsor a fundraiser at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough, on 17/Mar/2001. He was to present an award to Tom Gilfoy (Home: Marlborough, MA 01752.), President, Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Division 16, Marlborough, MA, of which I was a member.

I also learned that \$500 of AOH Div. 16 money had been authorized to AOH Div. 16 member **Francis V. (Bud) Foley** (Home: Marlborough, MA 01752) to purchase tickets for members and their families to the Meehan fundraiser. Despite many protests, including my letter of 25/Feb/2001 to Tom Gilfoy, with a faxed copy to Richard A. McDonald, the AOH State President (Home: Watertown, MA 02172), the fundraiser went ahead with AOH involvement. **Ray Neary**, Medfield, MA 02052., another member of AOH Div. 16 who protested, is willing to confirm this event.

In a letter of 29/Mar/2001 to me, Richard MacDonald claimed he "...found out later that it was not a fundraiser for him (Congressman Martin Meehan)....Any profits from the luncheon were to be given to a scholarship fund not to a political fund".

I recently researched the FEC Website, and discovered that **Francis V. Foley of Marlborough, MA 01752** donated \$500 to **THE MARTY MEEHAN FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE** on 13/Mar/2001. Was this an effort by the AOH, a tax-exempt organization, to improperly give money to a political candidate by funneling it through a member? I'm told that Martin Meehan is also a member of another AOH Division.

Given the long association between the AOH and politicians at national, local and state levels, the situation needs to be thoroughly investigated in relation to election and other laws. Copies of documents are enclosed. Please write to me. Many thanks.

c.c. Others



JOHN M. BIGGIO
NOTARY PUBLIC

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

John M. Biggio

Yours Faithfully,

John O'Gorman
February 28, 2006

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of February 2006

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Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

PO Box 912 Marlborough MA 01752 DIVISION 16 Chartered in 1874

Greetings Brothers:

Our next meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on the 18th of February.

Breakfast will be at 9:00 A.M. and the meeting will be held at 10:00A.M.

We will have a discussion about our upcoming Saint Patricks Dinner/Dance.

I plan on having tickets available for you to take and sell.

The Festivities will be held on the 9th of March.

Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M. and dancing will be at 8:00 P.M.

There will be a choice of two meals. Corned beef and all the fixings are one choice and the other will be Chicken. Price will be \$25:00 per person

We have been asked by the Worcester Division to participate in their Saint Patricks Day Parade. We would meet at their club and Busses will be provided to shuttle all to and from the Parade. The date is 3/11/01.

The Parade starts at 12:00. We would have to be at the Club at 11:00 A

On March the 17th at the Holiday Inn in Marlboro, Marty Meehan will be sponsoring a fund raiser.

The guest speaker will be Martin McGuinness, He is part of the team who is negotiating the Peace process in Northern Ireland.

Coincidental to the function, I will be receiving an award as Irishman of the year from Martin Meehan.

I am totally humbled by this presentation. It was a little disarming when I received the news of this award. Needless to say, I will be there with all my family.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Breakfast/Meeting.

Respectfully, Tom Gilfoxy, President



Tom Gilfoy, Pres. Div. 16 AOH.
c.c. Ray Neary, Pres. MCFL,
Bill Farrell, Pro-Life Chair AOH,
Others.

Dorchester,
MA 02124
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25/Feb/2001

Dear Brother Tom,

Your recent but undated letter indicates that you intend to accept an Irishman of the Year award from U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan on St. Patrick's Day.

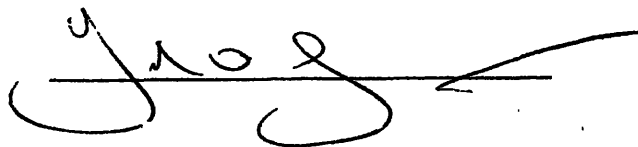
I have received a phone call from Brother Ray Neary of our Division 16. He is also President of Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) - the largest Pro-Life group in Mass. Brother Neary has informed me that Marty Meehan has a notorious record in promoting abortion. For example, the MCFL Pro-Life Reference Journal for 1998/1999, shows that Marty Meehan voted Pro-Abortion on 10 out of 11 occasions in 1998.

You are quite aware that the AOH is a leading Catholic organisation, very strongly Pro-Life, and that a resolution has been passed at a recent AOH National Convention distancing us from Pro-Abortion politicians. Therefore, there are no circumstances in which you as a Hibernian or even a Catholic layman could accept this award from a Pro-Abortion politician, Marty Meehan. Similarly, we must not support him financially.

I require an immediate reply to this letter indicating that you will not be accepting any award from Marty Meehan, or be supporting him in any way. Martin McGuinness, the guest speaker, is a member of the Sinn Fein party who are Pro-Abortion.

Rather than feeling "totally humbled" by this award, you should feel very proud to reject it. God bless.

Yours in Pro-Life and fraternally,



John O Gorman,
Past Pres. Div 16 AOH,
Member Pro-Life Comm.

Please phone Tom Gilfoy
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EXPRESS YOUR OPPOSITION
THANKS GORDON

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD

March 29, 2001

John O'Gorman

Dorchester, MA 02124

Dear John,

I told you that I spoke with members of the State Board and National Board. I did not think their names were pertinent. I did speak with Paul Griffin, State Pro-life Chairman and he informed me that he was going to write his letter. I gave my approval for him to write his letter of opinion. I did not contact the National Pro-life Chairman as I felt this was a local issue of dispute and did not deem it necessary. I certainly did not in any way attempt to evade the issue by "selectively" quoting the National Chaplain's Report. I think the views, opinions of these Chaplains was most pertinent to this issue and is not evasive.

When I was first contacted about this event of Congressman Meehan I was informed that it was a fundraiser for the Congressman. I found out later that it was not a fundraiser for him. That is not a turn around. If it had been a fundraiser for the Congressman, my action would have been quite different. I found out that the event was a Saint Patrick's Day luncheon and a committee chose Tom Gilfoy for his outstanding contributions to the Marlboro area. Any profits from the luncheon were to be given to a scholarship fund not to a political fund. So, the monies of Division 16 were not "wrongly spent" on a political fundraiser.

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I do think I acted promptly and fairly in this matter. For me to not act and respond would positively show a lack of leadership! I thank you for the copy of the resolution passed in 1996 at the National convention. I assumed that when you stated a resolution was passed at a recent convention that it was the last convention in Baltimore. However, I do think the most recent statement by the National Chaplains supercedes that.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. MacDonald". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Richard A. MacDonald
Mass State Board President

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FRANCIS COADY,	NORTH ANDOVER MA 01845	05/30/2001	1000.00	COADY GARAGE/OWNER	22991594842
FRANCIS J CUSACK,	GROTON MA 01450	06/28/2002	500.00	LAU TECHNOLOGIES/DIRECTOR OF ENGIN	22991374596
FRANCIS J. HOGAN,	WEST PALM BEACH FL 33418	03/31/2002	1000.00	OVERSEAS SERVICE CORPORATION/CHAIR	22990651334
FRANCIS J. HOGAN,	WEST PALM BEACH FL 33418	12/28/2001	1000.00	OVERSEAS SERVICE CORPORATION/CHAIR	22991595367
FRANCIS J. TROMBLY JR.,	ANDOVER MA 01810	03/16/2001	200.00		22991594702
FRANCIS V FOLEY,	MARLBOROUGH MA 01752	03/13/2001	500.00	N/A/RETIRED	21990645158
FRANCIS X. MEANEY,	BOSTON MA 02111	10/23/2002	250.00	MINTZ LEVIN COHN FERRIS GL/ATTORNE	23990506442
FRANK A SEGALL,	WESTON MA 02493	06/29/2001	1000.00	BURNS & LEVINSON/PARTNER	22991594868
FRANK C. ROMANO,	ROWLEY MA 01969	05/30/2002	1000.00	ESSEX GROUP MANAGEMENT/PRESIDENT	22991374574
FRANK FODERA,	WINCHESTER MA 01890	06/30/2002	500.00	SELF/CONSTRUCTION/MASON	22991374599
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FRANK J. GORMAN,	DRACUT MA 01826	03/16/2002	500.00	SELF/DEVELOPER	22990651289
FRASIER, GRETCHEN	CONCORD MA 01742	09/13/2002	500.00	SELF/CONSULTANT	25980588251
FRED GILLIGAN,	CONCORD MA 01742	06/18/2002	200.00		22991374584
GARY A. JENNISON,	MILTON MA 02186	10/26/2002	1000.00	CORCORAN & JENNISON COMPANIES/REAL	23990506434
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GARY B. HOPPER,	ALEXANDRIA VA 22314	06/30/2002	750.00	FLIR SYSTEMS INC./DIRECTOR OF GOV.	22991707993
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